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## **IRS Selects Linda Stiff to be Deputy Commissioner For Small Business/Self-Employed Division**

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WASHINGTON — Internal Revenue Service Commissioner Mark W. Everson today announced the appointment of Linda E. Stiff as deputy commissioner of the agency's Small Business/Self-Employed Division (SB/SE).

Stiff, a 25-year veteran of the IRS, will help oversee SB/SE, one of four operating divisions within the IRS. The division employs almost 44,000 workers and oversees a variety of compliance programs for individuals and small businesses. It serves 45 million taxpayers.

"Linda brings with her an extensive background in tax administration that will serve her well in this key position," Everson said. "As the IRS enhances its enforcement efforts, Linda's strong background in compliance will be a real asset."

Prior to her appointment, Stiff served as the Director, Compliance in the IRS Wage and Investment (W&I) Division, where she focused on taxpayer groups that demonstrated a high risk of non-payment and returns that posed a high risk of non-compliance.

"Linda's insight and expertise will help SB/SE move forward on a variety of important areas," SB/SE Commissioner Kevin Brown said. "She's a valuable addition to the SB/SE team, and we look forward to working with her."

Stiff began her IRS career in 1979 as a revenue agent in Jacksonville, Fla., and subsequently advanced into a number of management positions. She has served as the Business Review Executive for the Chief Operations Officer, the National Director of Governmental Liaison and Disclosure, the Chief of Staff to the IRS Commissioner, the Senior Advisor to the Chief Operations Officer and Senior Advisor to the Commissioner of W&I. Stiff also played an important role in the recent IRS reorganization.

She is a graduate of Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla., and holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting.